ALS K TO 12 CURRICULUM

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The country is now adopting the K to 12 curriculum that will enable its citizens to be globally competitive. K to 12 has many positive aspects such as this will equip the students with learning that they can use in order for them either to pursue higher studies or become young entrepreneurs. Since ALS is a program being offered by DepEd, they are also required to undergo the K to 12 program for this is the current curriculum being implemented in the country. Although there are disadvantages, just like their age, still they have to abide because they will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and attitude which they needed in order for them to find a job or pursue college.

It is only fitting to design a K to 12 curriculum to address the needs and characteristics of ALS students. As it is an alternative learning system, the existing K to 12 curriculum will not appropriate for ALS students. The time, age and skills should be considered without compromising the content of the curriculum material. It should still be enable ALS students to be globally competitive, develop and acquire skills and knowledge relevant to today’s trend.

Shifting to a more relevant and timely curriculum, principles of learning and development taught us that learning is a result of an interplay of many factors- the student, the parents, the teacher, the school, the material resources and the community. The factors that serve as the input in the educational system- human resources, school budget and facilities have to be in sync with one another to achieve the target. With the introduction of the new curriculum, domino effect on other factors is unavoidable- human and material resources within the system need to keep abreast of the changes.
Thus, ALS curriculum is aligned with the K to 12 program, and to provide learning opportunities that will empower out-of-school youth (OSY) and adult learners to improve their quality of life and become more effective contributors to society.

John Bush and Bob Wise (2010) said that ‘Our vision is an education that maximizes every child's potential for learning, prepares every child with the knowledge and skills to succeed in college and careers, and launches every child into the world with the ability to pursue his or her dreams’.

K to 12 curriculum win both students (Regular & ALS) with the necessary skills in life in order for them to face life challenges. If they graduate, they will receive National Certificate which will qualify them to land for a job here and abroad. Another thing they can start their own business because basic business subjects being taught by both the Academic and Tech-Voc strands. ALS students though, a little bit senior as compared with their counterparts will learn the same skills as with regular students and both can use this to secure employment/business necessary for survival. Internationally, our K to 12 program will elevate us in the International scene because at long last we have finally embraced the program.

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